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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Government, vide Notification No. 67/Home/2016 dated 21.11.2016, was pleased to constitute a Committee to examine the technical reports submitted by various agencies on the stability of the landslide dam that has created the artificial lake over the Tanaka river at Mantam in Dzongu, North Sikkim as a consequence of the landslide that occurred in the said area on 13th August 2016 and make its recommendations to the Government on mitigation measures that are required to be taken.

And Whereas, the Committee, after taking into consideration the past evidence in respect of such types of landslide dams and also the opinion of the technical experts and giving paramount importance to the need to ensure the protection of life and property and safety of the public especially those living downstream, has recommended, inter alia, that the artificial lake may have to be slowly emptied, in stages, through controlled breaching of the dam.

And whereas, the State Government having accepted the recommendations of the Committee in toto is pleased to order as follows :-

A Task Force is constituted as follows :-

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| 1. Special Secretary, LR&DMD | - Chairman |
| 2. District Collector, North | - Member |
| 3. Director, Department of Mines, Minerals & Geology | - Member |
| 4. Shri B. D. Patni (Geo-Technical Expert) | - Member |
| 5. Representative of BRO | - Member |
| 6. Representative from NHPC | - Member |
| 7. S.E., Roads and Bridges Department | - Member |
| 8. Additional Director, SSDMA | - Member Secretary |

The Task Force will be responsible for the preparation of an Action Plan for carrying out controlled breaching of the dam along with associated activities and also the appropriate mitigation measures and for the execution of the Action Plan under its supervision. It will

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also finalise the time lines for full implementation of the Action Plan taking into account the need to complete the implementation well before the onset of the next monsoons. It will also ensure that during the period of implementation of the mitigation measures, all the necessary precautions and actionable points as suggested in the NDMA's report are strictly adhered to.

- (ii) The Task Force will work in close coordination with the District Administration who must ensure adequate stocking of essential commodities and other materials in the cut-off areas to sustain them during the implementation period.
- (iii) The Task Force will also have to coordinate with the Roads and Bridges Department who must remain in a state of readiness to restore/provide communication by launching a Bailey bridge for which it needs to take advance action.
- (iv) The mitigation measures will be undertaken under the administrative control of the Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department and work executed on site by the Department of Mines, Minerals & Geology (DMMG) and Roads & Bridges Department under the technical support and supervision of Shri B.D. Patni (Geo-Technical Expert Consultant) whose services have been taken on consultancy basis.
- (v) The requisite funds for implementing the Action Plan will be provided by Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department from State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF).

By Order.

Chief Secretary
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